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1. DESPITE PERSISTENT EMBASSY EFFORTS OVER PAST THREE DAYS, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN GDR GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR MR. ADAMS' VISIT. OUR ORIGINAL MEETING ON THIS VISIT SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 16 WAS POSTPONED UNTIL THIS MORNING JAN. 17, AT WHICH TIME WE WERE ASKED TO CONTACT DIRECTLY THE MINISTRY FOR CULTURE. THE CONTACT GIVEN HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE ALL DAY. A CALL BACK TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS ALSO UNSUCCESSFUL IN ELICITING APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR GAINING APPROVAL OF DR. ADAMS' VISIT.

2. EMBASSY WILL PERSIST IN ITS EFFORTS BUT DOES NOT EXPECT A RESPONSE NOW UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 20. WE UNDERSTAND DR. ADAMS MAY NOW BE IN ROME AND THAT HE WAS SCHEDULED TO REMAIN THROUGH THE 20TH IN EUROPE IN ANY CASE. OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT VISIT WILL BE APPROVED, BUT WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF DR. ADAMS IS PREAPRED TO REMAIN IN ROME AND/OR PARIS FOR A FEW DAYS BEYOND JAN. 20 IN EXPECTATION THAT HE CAN STILL VISIT GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.COOPER

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